

“Worshipping at the Feet of Jesus.”
John 12:1-11

Principle: Worship is a way of life.

Principle: Worshipping is practicing the presence of God.

Principle: Worship is God-consciousness.

“We walk in the light as he is in the light. We have fellowship with Him and with one another.” 1 John 1:7

Principle: Worship methods change but God is the same God that we worship.

I. Principles of worship from the life of Mary

- Mary generously gave as an act of worship

“Whose portrait is this (whose image is on this coin)? And whose inscription?”
“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at him.” Mark 12:16, 17

Principle: Worship is being a steward of all that God has given to us.

Principle: There is always a temptation to take shortcuts, but we must place our being before our doing.

Principle: Worship is simply a response of all that we are to all that God is.

- Mary was extravagant in her expression of worship.

“It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbles or how the doer of deeds might have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, that his place shall never be with those timid and cold soul’s who know neither victory nor defeat.” Theodore Roosevelt

- Mary risked her image by her act of worship
- Mary teaches us that it is right to risk in our worship.

“Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to him, Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes, Have you never read, “Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, you have perfected praise?” Matthew 21:14-16

Principle: God looks at the heart. Man judges the outward.

Responses to criticism: pray and persist.

II. Principles of worship from the crowds.

- The crowds teach us we cannot remain private in our worship
- The crowds were active worshippers.
- The crowds personalized their worship of Jesus.
- The crowds audibly declared their allegiance in worship.

Principle: There is a difference between having a personal relationship with God and a private relationship with God.

"If you won't praise me, the rocks will cry out and praise me." Luke 19:40

Praise: Personal, Reverent, Appreciative, Illuminating, Sincere, Enthusiastic.

III. Principles from the Greeks.

- The Greeks teach us to be willing to seek Jesus.
- The Greeks specifically found Jesus.
- The Greeks were teachable.
- The Greeks were unashamed and became public in their search for God.